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MEMBER CENTRAL **ON THE WATER** ASHORE



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Monday 19th April 2021

Titled: Spring Series - At last, we are off racing

Our thanks to Paul French

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Thanks, Team RLymYC.

Be Part of our Team



We currently have FOUR exciting opportunities to join our crew.

Interim General Manager

Accounts Assistant

Membership Services Administrator

Seasonal Waterfront Assistant

Sadly, although Hayley Seery has had a great start to her tenure here at the Club and very much enjoys it, she will be leaving us for a permanent opportunity that she understandably couldn't refuse, when set against the temporary nature of the Interim role. We wish her all the very best and are sad to see her go so soon. Therefore it means we are looking for her replacement.

We are also searching for a part time Accounts Assistant, and a Membership Services Administrator needed to assist our Office staff, as well as a Seasonal Waterfront Assistant to help the boatman as usual during the summer months.

All candidates will ideally have a passion for the yachting industry but this isn't essential; experience, enthusiasm, and energy are more important to us.

For more information about all four positions, please click here:



We'd be lost without many of the people who keep the wheels turning who aren't so visible to our Members and customers and opportunities in these areas can be rare, so if you would like to join our expanding team then please email your CV to: vice-commodore@rlymyc.org.uk and Gillian@rlymyc.org.uk.

Some Essential Reminders & Updates

Spring Series

Click Next one 25th April - lasts for two more weeks, to enter

Monday Evening Dinghies

Race two today - to enter Click

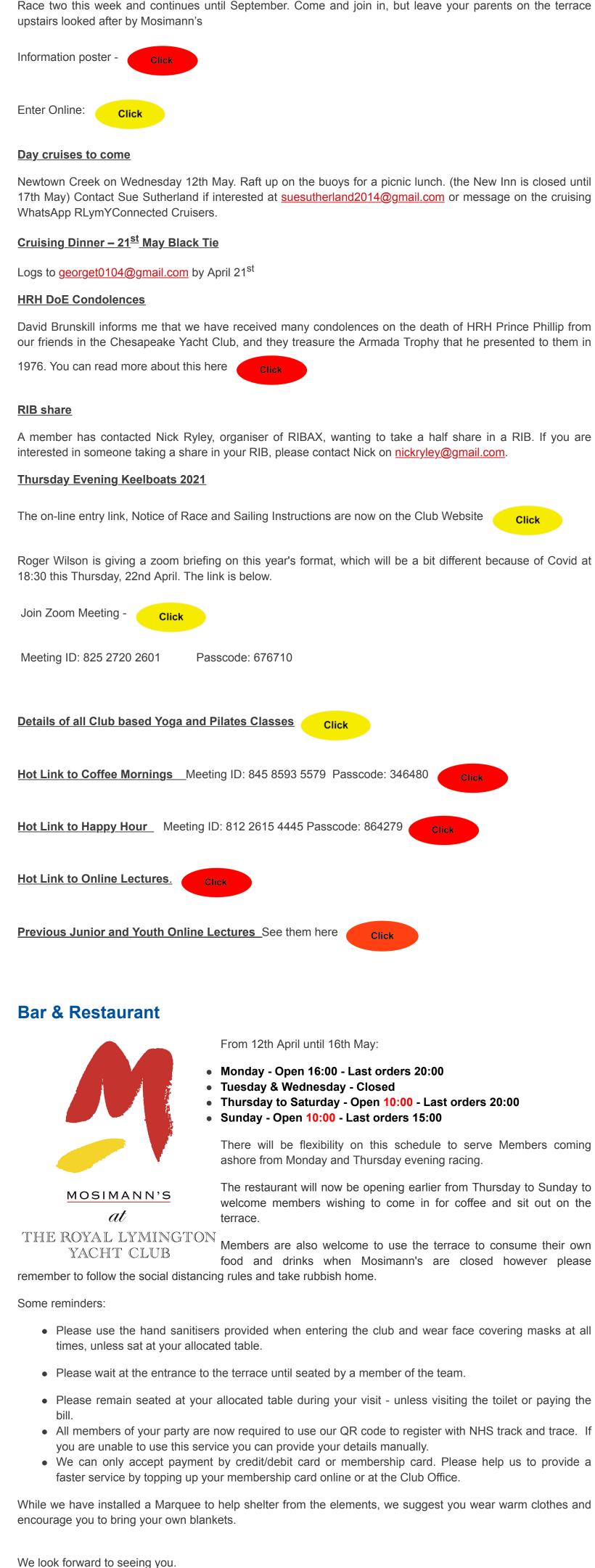
Book Club

A Town like Alice by Nevil Shute; read & discuss by Monday 10th May 15:00

Meeting ID: 838 9211 7940 Passcode: 009592

Friday Evening "After School" Racing for J and Y 16th April

Race two this week and continues until September. Come and join in, but leave your parents on the terrace upstairs looked after by Mosimann's





The Club Wheelies ride out



On a beautiful Friday morning with blue skies, bright sunshine but with enough bite in the gentle wind to make exerting yourself worthwhile, 30 Members gathered at the Club with their steeds, some electrified, others not. A set of six set off for a 30km ride uphill and down dale, on Forest Track and a little on road. They ended up at the Turfcutters' Arms for a well deserved "refuel" then proceeded back to base much later. The other 24 took a more leisurely route to the East End Arms where they too took on extra fuel, and returned. All agreed it was so lovely just to get out into the Forest and be able to have a convivial lunch with friends.

How the Club became Royal



It is appropriate in the lead-in to our Centenary year, to reflect on how the reborn Lymington River Sailing Club of 1922, blossomed into the RLymYC that we are today. We know of two powerful and important founder members of the Club: Major Cyril Potter and the Hon. Mrs Cecil Brownlow - Angela - both of whose memorable sketches grace the western end of the Island/ Needles Room. Between them, they are responsible for the birth and the development of the Club and, in Mrs Brownlow's case, its care during the war.

From its energetic early days, at Blakes, Potter's house near the entrance to the car-ferry pier, huge strides were made to establish the Club, as both a shore-based entity and its growing position as a source of waterborne activity. Potter was a man of vision, energy and ambition: from the outset, he wanted the Club to develop and

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be recognised as an eminent home of yachting in the western Solent. It was no surprise, therefore, that he should want that recognition to include the accolade of becoming a Royal yacht club.

For many more intriguing details and how Cecil Potter, backed up and pushed on by The Hon. Mrs Brownlow managed to "get the ball over the line" read on here

Online Art Group 19th April 2021



Something abstract and ill defined to allow the artist's imagination to wander and flow.

This image does not have to be copied or represented exactly, if the artist does not wish to. As usual, it can instead serve merely as an inspiration for a piece of art which looks completely different.

Last weeks' pictures have born fruit – some very creditable paintings are coming through - see here.



Please let Josie Nieves have a .pdf or .jpg of any images you may produce from it as soon as you are comfortable with your work. (rjnieves1@mac.com).

> **Jose Nieves Art Czarina**

The Peter Andreae Trophy - a report



When we arrived at the Clubhouse, it was freezing cold and the forecast was saying a very high chance of sleet and over 25 knots of wind. Luckily the forecast was wrong, and even though there were some big gusts of 28 knots the weather was generally nice, and we were able to get 5 races in. In the end there were 6 scows out, and we had some really close racing. The wind was ridiculously shifty and gusty in the river, which made things harder in the scows, which weren't very manoeuvrable.

My brother William and I won the first race, then after lots of very close racing it was all still even after 4 races and three different boats could have won it. William and I won the last race to finish first overall, with Dirk and Johnny second, Sienna and George third, Max and Cam fourth, Joanna and Freya fifth and Ben and Laszlo sixth. Special mention as well to Ben and Laszlo who managed to finish all the races despite weighing around 50kg together.

It was great fun and a massive thanks to all the volunteers who helped run the event and managed to get out of bed

that early and give up their time to make the Peter Andreae go smoothly. To see the forecast and still turn up without the motivation of a cash prize is very impressive. It was a fun event all round.

Eileen Caulcutt Elliot 1926 - 2021 A Tribute



The Commodore writes "Members will be saddened to hear of the death of our former Rear Commodore Sailing, Eileen Caulcutt. We offer our sincere condolences to her family and friends. I am grateful to Sally Kalis, aided by Nick Ryley and Ken Robinson, for the tribute to Eileen below."

Eileen passed away peacefully last Monday at the age of 95. Many members will remember her as a towering figure in the Club's race management history who left a legacy which put the Royal Lymington Yacht Club at the forefront of world match racing history, second only to the Americas Cup.

Eileen and her first husband, Jimmy Caulcutt, arrived to live in Lymington in the fifties. It was the beginning of a long and happy association with Lymington and our yacht club.

They were already highly competitive sailors at Cowes in the Dragon class and later as owners of a Nicholson 42 called Angelique, they made a name for themselves as leading inshore racers. They won the Silver Gilt Roman Bowl in 1959 and 1961 in the Round the Island Race. The Caulcutts notched up many more great results, building on their significant sailing pedigree. Eileen came from a family of eminent sailors, well known in Cowes and around the Solent, her father having owned the classic yacht Bloodhound, which was ultimately sold by her family to the Duke of Edinburgh.

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For the full story of this remarkable woman's life

New Members' Evening - Wednesday 7th July



As we emerge blinking into the sunlight after the Covid lockdown I know we are all looking forward to renewing old friendships and embarking on new ones. Since the start of the Covid pandemic, which curtailed both our boating activities and almost all social interaction, we have looked forward to the day when we can meet up with our new members and talk about how we can help you get the most out of your Club.

I am now pleased to advise you that we have reserved Wednesday 7th July from 18:30 to meet up with the many new members who have joined the Club in the last 12 - 18 months.

If you are a recent new member, please put this date in your diary. I will be writing to you in the next few weeks with more details. Our plan at the moment is to have a drinks reception, with some information about the sailing and social activities that we offer, and an opportunity to chat with the various fleet and activity leaders. Clearly, we will need to watch

Government guidelines prevailing at the time in order to be compliant, but we are, as ever, optimistic.

Please plan to join us - it is always great fun.

John Tudor **Vice-Commodore**

The View from the Editor's Chair

This week, many Members have been dining AI Fresco on the balconies, and some have managed a pint after MED. With this Easterly wind it has been rather cool. The good news is that our Commodore is looking in to the problem. If visiting your Club, which is to be encouraged, with this wind you are encouraged to bring your own blankets and to wrap up warm.

The Club garden has no report this week as we are waiting for plants to arrive and all the work (well nearly all) has been done in preparation. The organiser will update us when things develop.

With the weather being so still as a big high pressure is hovering over the North Sea we can expect blue skies and light cold winds with lots of "East" in them. Already one MED has been cancelled and also a Spring Series too. This Sunday, the Mark layers had a lovely time blatting about on the still water searching for the wind – to no avail even tho' we all whistled vociferously. Friday Evening Dinghies worked very well with 8kts and many happy faces at the end.

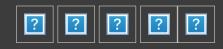
Very lovely to see that our friends from across the pond are thinking of us. We hope that our relationship with the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake continues to reward our mutual friendship - nice of them to commiserate with us on the death of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Lymington is starting to fill up with visitors. Probably due to an Easter break and the partial lifting of Lockdown. Not all shops and pubs are open yet, so a staggered re-vitalisation is in progress. The market stayed until at least 13:30 which is nearly 2 hours more than recently. The Club is doing a roaring trade, running out of draught beer by Sunday lunchtime, due to unexpected, unnotified footfall. I wish I could say I had a major hand in this but I can't, it was a group effort.

Stay safe everyone.

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